

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

Please replace the Abstract with the following:

~~A method~~Method for ~~the~~protected transmission of data words includes providing a first data word, transforming the first data word into a sequence including at least one second data word using a first transformation rule, transforming at least one of the second data words into a third data word using a second transformation rule, and checking whether a prescribed relationship exists between the third data word and a comparison data word.